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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA - THAILAND'S POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION

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1. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN RECEIVED INITIAL COURTESY CALL FROM THAILAND'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AMBASSADOR PRACHA GUNA-KASEM OCTOBER 13. CORDIAL 25-MINUTE CONVERSATION CENTERED ON KOREA.

2. PRACHA EXPLAINED THAT ASEAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON KOREA HAD MET REBUFFS FROM BOTH SIDES. EACH HAD FEARED THAT THE DRAFT WOULD INTERFERE WITH ITS LOBBYING EFFORTS. PRACHA SAID, ACCORDINGLY, THE ASEAN'S HAD PUT DRAFT IN POCKET FOR POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY USE SHOULD THE SITUATION IN THE DEBATE MAKE THIS DESIRABLE. HE SAID SOUTH KOREANS FAVORED THIS COURSE.

3. PRACHA SAID THAT, WITH FRENCH AMENDMENTS NOW INCORPORATED, THAILAND WOULD SUPPORT OUR RESOLUTION. AS TO VOTING PRIORITY, PRACHA SAID THAILAND FAVORED "PROCEDURAL ORDER" AND WOULD SUP-

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PORT PRIORITY FOR THE RESOLUTION WITH THE LOWER NUMBER (OURS).

WHILE HE WAS LESS SPECIFIC, PRACHA ALSO INDICATED OPPOSITION
TO THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

4. MOUNIHAN STRESSED THE SPECIAL IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO
KOREA. HE UNDERLINED OUR GOAL OF PRESERVING PEACE ON THE
KOREAN PENINSULA AND OF ACHIEVING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT THERE.
HE ADDED THAT, WHEN SUPPORT ON KOREA IS NOT FORTHCOMING, OUR
DISAPPOINTMENT WILL BE REELECTED IN OUR RELATIONS WITH COUNTRY
CONCERNED.

5. COMMENT: PRACHA'S REMARKS ON THE KOREAN QUESTION WERE
ENCOURAGING. HOPEFULLY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S
CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR ANAND WILL HAVE REINFORCED THIS
VIEW.

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